

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 5. These sheets, which include Figures 1 and 5, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 and 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the current application. Claims 1, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 are independent claims. Claims 1-16 and 18-21 are amended by this Amendment. New claim 22 is added by this Amendment. No claims are canceled by this Amendment.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner asserts FIG. 1 should be designated by a legend such as “prior art” because only that which is old is illustrated. Applicant respectfully submits FIG. 1 is amended to include the label “related art.”

The Examiner objects to FIG. 1 because FIG. 5 includes reference characters “1” and “2” not mentioned in the description. Applicant respectfully submits that FIG. 5 is amended to remove reference characters “1” and “2” from FIG. 5.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kato et al. (US 2002/0145702, hereinafter Kato). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner contends that Kato discloses all of the limitations in originally filed claim

1. Even assuming for the sake of argument that the Examiner is correct, Kato does not disclose or suggest any of the newly added limitations to claim 1. In particular, Kato does not disclose or suggest “a data area storing at least one clip file of the multiple playback path video data; and a management area storing management information for managing reproduction of the multiple playback path video data; the management information including an information file associated with each clip file, each information file providing a map for the associated clip file, each map

containing presentation time information corresponding to address information for the associated “clip file” as recited in claim 1.

Claims 10, 16, and 18-21 are amended to include features somewhat similar to those discussed above in regards to claim 1, and therefore, claims 10, 16, and 18-21 are patentable for at least somewhat similar reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-9, 11-15, and 17, which depend from one of claims 1, 10, and 16, are patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above in regards to claims 1, 10, and 16 as well as on their own merits. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 22 is patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 from which it depends as well as on its own merits.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicant respectfully submits new claims 22-26, which depend from one of claims 1 and 20-21, are patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above in regards to claims 1 and 20-21 as well as on their own merits.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$1050.00 extension fee herewith.

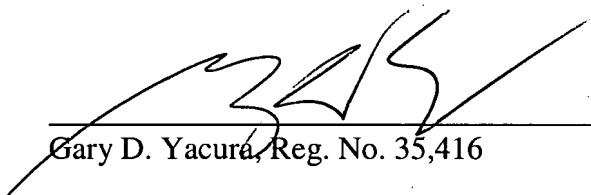
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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